

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 11 May 1953

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Wolf, Amory,
Kirkpatrick, Helms, Sheldon and [REDACTED]

Mr. Dulles:

Noted a cable from the Senior Representative [REDACTED] containing an estimate of the situation in Indo-China and after discussing how this information should be handled it was agreed that: (1) it would go out in a PD; (2) Mr. Amory would ask ONE and OCI for their comments.

General Cabell:

Noted the second item in the Log for 9 - 10 May, and stated he assumed that every effort would be made to effect the return of the [REDACTED] General Cabell said, however, we should not go beyond the point, in attempting to recover this money, that would endanger the security of this operation.

Mr. Wisner:

[REDACTED]

b. Reported that [REDACTED] had planned to call on Cabot Lodge in the near future to explore with him the possibility of his joining Mr. Lodge's staff as an "intelligence support officer" [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The Director approved this exploratory conversation.

Mr. Wolf:

a. Asked the Director if he had had an opportunity to go over the [REDACTED] Shopping List Paper". The Director stated he had looked at it over this past weekend but was still concerned with the amount of funds we were expending [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and insofar as the problem of meeting these requirements was concerned, the paper was sound. However, if it was determined to reduce the number [REDACTED] these requirements would likewise be decreased. After some discussion the Director noted he would prefer to have this paper presented to him by a "Committee" of officers who had assisted in drawing it up. (NOTE:

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Mr. Wolf (Continued):

Subsequent to the meeting the paper was returned to Mr. Wisner for his further comments.)

b. Raised the question of additional funds for air-conditioning equipment. The Director stated he would not authorize this expenditure without receiving prior approval from the Appropriations Committees. The Director then asked DD/A to provide him with a brief memorandum pointing out the necessity for the additional equipment and setting forth exactly how and to whom General Smith had spoken in the Congress regarding our original request to expend funds for this equipment. Mr. [redacted] noted that the first request (which was approved) was handled by telephone.

Mr. Helms:



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